What is claimed is:

- 1. A modified MSP-1 nucleic acid sequence, as shown in SEQ ID NO 1.
- 5 2. A process for preparing a modified MSP-1 nucleic acid comprising the steps of lowering the overall AT content of the natural gene encoding MSP-1, eliminating all mRNA instability motifs and replacing all rare codons with a preferred codon of the mouse mammary gland.
- A modified MSP-1 nucleic acid prepared by the process according to claim 2.
 - A vector comprising a modified MSP-1 nucleic acid according to claim 1 and a goat beta casein promoter and signal sequence.
 - A host cell transformed with the vector according to claim 4.
 - A transgenic non-human mammal comprising a vector according to claim 4.
 - 7. A transgenic non-human mammal comprising a modified MSP-1 nucleic acid according to claim 1.
 - 8. A DNA vaccine comprising a modified nucleic acid according to claim 1.